THE AIPAC POLICY AGENDA

The United States and Israel face unprecedented challenges in the Middle East, ranging from Iran's expanding aggression in the region to increasing security threats on Israel's borders. However, new opportunities exist as Israel expands its relationship with the Arab world, with the support of the United States. The unique bond between Washington and Jerusalem is a crucial asset for ensuring the security and prosperity of both nations.

Congress has a vital role to play in strengthening the U.S.-Israel partnership. AIPAC's 2023 policy agenda seeks to strengthen the cooperation between America and Israel to confront the mounting threats to both nations and promote a new era of peace in the region.

In this context, AIPAC seeks to advance the following key policy objectives:

- **Support full security assistance to Israel,** including the $3.3 billion for fiscal year 2024, as agreed to in the 2016 10-year U.S.-Israel Memorandum of Understanding (MOU);
- **Prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability**;
- **Oppose Iran's ballistic missile program and its malign regional activities,** including its support of terrorist groups like Hezbollah and Hamas;
- **Promote direct talks between Israel and the Palestinians** to achieve a two-state agreement resulting in a Jewish state of Israel living in peace and security with a demilitarized Palestinian state;
- **Support normalization between Israel and Arab states** by building on the recent agreements reached between Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco, and encouraging other nations to follow suit;
- **Back critical funding for U.S.-Israel missile defense cooperation** and enhance strategic cooperation to help both countries combat growing threats and develop emerging technologies;
- **Ensure Israel's Qualitative Military Edge (QME)—**the ability of Israel to defend itself by itself against regional threats;
- **Support a robust foreign aid budget** as a key component of American foreign policy;
- **Boost civilian cooperation with Israel** in numerous areas including homeland security, energy, healthcare, environment and trade; and
- **Counter efforts to isolate and delegitimize Israel,** including the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel as well as anti-Israel efforts at international forums like the United Nations and the International Criminal Court (ICC).